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Greetings,

My name is William Joseph Waddell III. I work with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to provide technology services to over 200 users at the Carolina Population Center.

I find myself asking where I should start. Permit me to start with the statement: Microsoft is Guilty! The Microsoft corporation has taken advantage of all people of the world. Their products (including MS-DOS, Windows 3.1, Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows ME, Windows NT, Windows 2000, Windows XP, Office 95, Office 97, Office 2000, Office XP, and countless other applications developed by Microsoft) are inferior to Open Source (read: FREE) software. Microsoft's applications paint the user(s) into a "virtual" corner. Microsoft has known that they cannot compete with the open source community. Indeed, how Microsoft must have thought when constructing their business model taking into account that the products they provide are supplied for free, and with higher quality, by people around the world.

They have attacked our open source community. An open source community where thoughts, ideas, sights, and sounds are for all to experience. An open source community who provides the technological tools with which all people can enrich their lives. Microsoft has attacked by entrenching themselves in proprietary thoughts and methods. Microsoft has not created anything great. Microsoft has taken away what was to be. Microsoft has not encouraged the betterment of our world...our community. They have shown that making money is more important than the well being of the people of the world. When a comparable open source (FREE) product arrives on the software scene, Microsoft squelches it with their power of monopoly. That could have been the opportunity for thousands of people who could not afford Microsoft software, to log onto the internet for the first time using open source (FREE) software. It may have been the beginning of some children on the other side of the world creating an online community...but NO...Microsoft didn't want it to happen without making some money on it!

I'm asking you to terminate Microsoft with extreme prejudice. Please do not let Microsoft continue to oppress the majority of the world through their monopolistic practices!

Sincerely,

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